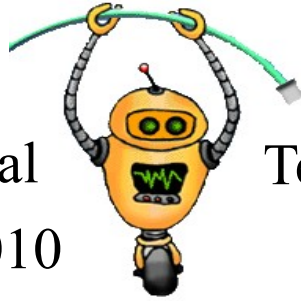


# Georgia Educational Technology Fair 2010



Dear Regional Fair Winner,

Congratulations on winning first place in your regional competition. Now you're on your way to the state competition. The Georgia Educational Technology Fair will be held at Howard High in Bibb County on March 13, 2010. Log onto the website, [www.gatechfair.org](http://www.gatechfair.org), for up to date information about the state fair, including directions to the school and hotel information.

Specific information for the 2010 fair will be posted beginning in February.

You are responsible for bringing your own computer equipment. Multimedia projects will no longer be hosted on a server. **ALL** students will be responsible for bringing a computer (preferably a laptop). Be sure to bring your written documentation (consent form and written permissions). For those that must bring equipment (all categories except Technology Literacy Challenge), you will be provided with a table and an outlet. You should plan on bringing an extension cord and a power strip to accommodate your electrical needs. Please remember that you may not bring video projection units. All projects should be displayed on your computer screen. Don't bring models, or other displays (except for Robotics) because your space will be limited. Displays will not be allowed to be set up.

After the State receives the registration information from the regional director, **NO CHANGES** can be made in a category for any reason. Students compete in the same category as the one they competed in at the regional fair.

There will not be Internet access for any programs. All projects will need to be displayed on your own (or your school's) equipment. Internet projects must be able to be run from the student's computer without access to the internet. Judges will not penalize a student for inactive external links, but do expect for the student's base site to be fully functional.

The Programming Challenge will begin at 9:00 am on Saturday and students must be present and ready to compete prior to that time. You should arrive no later than 8:15.

There will be no early setup on Friday. The doors will open at 7:30 a.m on Saturday. Competition times will be posted on the website by March 10. Look at [www.gatechfair.org](http://www.gatechfair.org) to see the time you will be judged. **You will need to be in place and ready to go thirty minutes prior to your judging time, so you should plan to be at the Tech Fair site no later than one hour prior to your assigned judging time.** Students from the longest distance away will be given late judge times to accommodate travel time.

Parents and coaches will not be permitted on the judging floor or in the judging areas during the competition. Information on area sights and attractions will available in the program guide.

Concessions will be available for purchase and provided throughout the day. More information will be posted on the website UPDATES page before the Fair.

Please note that all ending times are approximate. Judging will be completed by 2:00 pm and awards should begin shortly after. You will be responsible for security for your own equipment.

Participants are not allowed to touch other contestants' computers or projects. Please respect the work of others. Any contestant identified as interfering with another participant's project will be disqualified.

Awards will be given at the conclusion of the competition at approximately 2:00 p.m. Please be present for the awards or have someone present to get your award should you receive one.

For those wanting to stay overnight on Friday, we will have motel information on the website in February.

You might want to visit some Macon area sites while you are in the area.

On [www.gatechfair.org](http://www.gatechfair.org) you will find two documents that are required to be accepted into the GaETF. These documents take the place of the notebook which is no longer required. All students are **REQUIRED** to submit a completed form before judging takes place. Go to [www.techfair.org/stureg.html](http://www.techfair.org/stureg.html) to complete the Project Submission Worksheet online. This form should be completed as quickly as possible and no later than February 15. Registration **WILL NOT** be finalized until this form has been electronically submitted.

The other document is a photo release as well as information on copyright rules. Submit this completed document at the state fair registration desk as all students **MUST** have a form turned in. You **WILL NOT** receive your credentials without turning in this form signed by student and parent. Please read all of the information found on [www.techfair.org](http://www.techfair.org) and pay particular attention to the copyright statement found on the Project Page.

Regardless of the rules of your Regional Fair, the Georgia Educational Technology Fair operates under the rules and guidelines of the GaETF. All projects will be judged according to the GaETF rules as posted on the Fair website. Be sure to go through the Fair website and familiarize yourself with them.

Participants must furnish:

- Project Submission Worksheet (filled out and submitted online asap)
- Student Consent Form (print out from website and bring to registration)
- Written permissions for all non-student created content
- Your own equipment
- Project backed up in case of equipment failure (cd, usb drive, etc)

We are looking forward to seeing some fantastic projects this year.

Best Wishes,

**Tom Lamb, Director**

**Anthony Shields, Co-director**